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HISTORY OF HOPEDALE
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VILLAGE OF HOPEDALE

Hopedale, better known than any other place in the township, possibly as well as any place in the county, on account of its having been the seat of Hopedale College so long a term of years.

This village was platted by Cyrus McNeely, October 15, 1849 and filed for record July 30, 1851. It is situated in section 9, and is now within the point made by the Wabash and Lake Erie & Wheeling railways and is more than a half mile from either highway.

Hopedale has a Presbyterian, Methodist Episcopal and a Christian Church.

Several years ago there was a Woodman lodge organized in Hopedale, but the details of the same are not at hand at this time.

The business interests of the village in the autumn of 1920 were as follows:

Postoffice of the fourth class, with W. S. Eagleson as postmaster. One rural free delivery route extends to the outlying country.

Banking—The First National Bank.

Hardware—T. B. Patton.

Groceries—S. A. Hines, A. D. Finnicum, T. W. Liggett, Jr., Frank Geanangel, Mrs. James Nichols, Roy Hoogler, and a small stock of confectionery and groceries with school supplies are sold at the postoffice by W. S. Eagleson.

Meat Market—This is kept by J. W. Fogle and T. W. Liggett, Jr.

Millinery Store—Hattie Minor.

Blacksmith Shop—James Frazier and Fred Christian.

Shoe shop, a bakery and the flouring mills, with an incorporated creamery company operating successfully, completes the list of dealers of today. The physician of Hopedale is now Dr. W. S. Spence.

Of the Hopedale mills it should be recorded that they are of very early date. The four-story structure is built in the pioneer fashion of fourteen inch hewed timber frame, with pegs or wooden pins holding the joints together. Originally it was run as a steam mill and used the old style mill-stones, but for many years it has been a roller process mill and has run by both natural gas and crude oil. For more than ten years it has been owned and operated by the Stringer Brothers.

Hopedale is an incorporated village; its present clerk is U. G. Kyle.

The present population is 561.

The entire country at and near Hopedale is underlaid with a good, paying quality and quantity of soft coal — the celebrated Pittsburgh or seam No. 8, predominating. In the last few years this industry has taken on a new mode of operation. Dozens of steam shovels are at work in Green Township and Hopedale, at stripping the rich soil from off the bed of coal and shipping in immense amounts. There is some combined shaft and stripping coal mining, but largely confined to stripping, as the coal is gotten out

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much cheaper. Of course this generation is not looking to the interests of the succeeding generation, otherwise this stripping and destroying the fertile farming lands would not be permitted or thought of being engaged in by capitalists. But be that as it may the coal fields about Hopedale are producing large amounts of excellent coal which is easily transported, for there are three railroads within the short radius of the best mines.

THE HOPEDALE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Formation of the Hopedale Christian Church may be traced back to 1812, when it was believed that the township was being founded. There was scarcely a family in those days which lacked a well defined religious position. Meetings of Presbyterian Unionist, Seceeder, Reformed Presbyterian, Methodist, Friend and Baptist took place.

These early meetings were often attended by misunderstanding caused by sincere folk trying to find their proper religious group. The meetings were at first held monthly but as the congregations grew and their purposes became more clearly defined, churches were built and weekly meetings wre held.

The first efforts of the Baptists to build a meeting house was in Hopedale in 1812, under the leadership of Elijah C. Stone. In 1823, this meeting place was transferred to Cadiz, where it flourished for four years under the pastorate of James Philips. In 1827, the place of worship was again moved, this time to Hephzibah (Greenwood Cemetery) where weekly meetings were started.

The period between 1827 and 1930 was the transitional period for what is now the Hopedale Christian Church, and it was during this span of years that the fundamental purposes and beliefs of the early congregation became clearly defined. At a meeting held in 1829 at a small church in Jefferson County called Wills Creek the differences of opinion inside the growing church were ironed out and members from far and wide decided to meet again with the Cadiz Church at a further date. The date was the third Lord's Day in August of 1830. This meeting was held as planned at the house originally built and occupied by the Hephzibah Church. The meeting proved to be the founding date of the present Christian Church and is considered as its anniversary by today's congregation. This meeting marked the end of internal differences and the formation of a permanent Church group. The name Cadiz Church and the name Hephzibah disappeared with the Stillwater association.

The inspired congregation adopted the name of the township in which the meetings was held and the church was called the Church of Green. Families identified with this early church and its stability were: William and Elizabeth Rittenhouse, Samuel and Nancy Baxter, John and Mary Cannan, Jacob and Elizabeth Parkinson, Samuel and Mary Ann Jackson, Elizabeth Martin, Thomas Healea,

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HISTORY OF THE HOPEDALE METHODIST CHURCH

The Hopedale Methodist Church began with a Methodist Prayer Band, which met twice a week for many months in the home of Dr. A. W. Ramsey. In the year 1870 the Methodist Conference sent Rev. Stevenson to minister to them and in that same year he organized the Methodist Church of Hopedale in Dr. Ramsey's home with the following persons as Charter members; Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Ramsey, Mrs. Elizabeth Frazier, Mrs. Sarah Burk, Mrs. Mary Ann Mansfield, Miss Lizzie Mansfield, Mrs. Lidia Couch, Mrs. S. A. Handley, Miss Anna Polland, Thomas Wright, Phillip, Jolley and George Dinger.

For a time they held their services in the Disciples Church, as it was the only church building in the village at that time. During the pastorate of Rev. O. S. Bachtel 1873-1875 — a new building was erected, the same one now in use, which has been repaired many times and additions made. In August 1874 the Church Building was dedicated free of debt.

The following church groups were soon organized — The Sunday School in 1875; The Women's Foreign Missionary Society in 1876; and the Epworth League in 1891-1892.

During the early years two missionaries were sent to the Foreign Field from the local church, Edward Busby in 1882 and Miss Etta Green in 1884.

Miss Olive Givin, an active member of this church for many years, is now a missionary in Argentina, South America.

Since the church's beginning five (5) Young men have been called to enter the ministry; Rev. Isaac Eugene Miller and Rev. Summer Leroy Martin, who have both served as District Superintendents. Rev. Miller is retired on account of ill health and resides at Cincinnati, — Rev. Martin is still in active service in Indiana. — Rev. Kenneth Birney, now pastor of the Leetonia, Ohio Methodist Church, also Loren Kuhn and Lewis (Jack) Theodore who are still in school.

The ministers who have served the church down through the years are — Reverend's Stevenson, John Quincy Adams Miller, O.

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In recent years the church has been quite active. Many repairs have been made. In 1920 the Fiftieth (50) Anniversary was celebrated. About that time a Sunday School room was built and new church furniture was added to the church proper. In 1939 a basement was made under the entire building. It is used for classes on Sundays and for socials and suppers whenever needed. New stained glass windows replaced the old plain ones a few years ago. These were given by the various organizations of the church and by individuals, some as memorials. This year the Woman's Society of Christian Service purchased new carpet.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service is very active, helping in all the church departments and both spiritual and social activities.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship meets every Sunday evening. The recent Revival Service was sponsored by them.

Rev. Walter Stanley is the present pastor. Other officers are Mrs. F. E. Birney, Superintendent of the Sunday School, Mrs. G. E. Redman, President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Miss Kathleen Birney is leader of the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Hopedale Presbyterian Church
Hopedale, Ohio
September 29th, 1949

The Hopedale Presbyterian Church is the offspring of The Pioneer "Beech Spring Presbyterian Church," located about three miles south of Hopedale, which was organized in 1805, and over which Dr. John Rea presided, as pastor, for fifty years. The Hopedale Church was organized June 10th, 1879 with twenty-six members. Of these charter members; two — Reverend John E. Cummins, Omaha, Nebraska, and his sister Mary Cummins Kerr, Carrollton, Ohio are living. Such names as Holmes, Barnhouse, Merchant, Cummins, Aiken, Allison, Work appear in the charter list, and many members of the present congregation trace their ancestry to these early families. All were prominent in church and community life of their day. ,

The record is not clear whether Dr. H. W. Parks began his services, as pastor, at Hopedale in 1879 or in 1881. Dr. Parks was a

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strong preacher, a good organizer and much of the later success of the church is due to his sacrificial labors. He passed to his reward July 29th, 1897. Other ministers who have served the church are: Reverends — H. Webb, O. S. Fowler, M. H. Woolf, T. W. Pearson, R. C. Johnson, J. M. Stewart.

The congregation has had a steady growth through the years. True to her Calvanistic training you find her members active in business, civic, educational and every community and public interest which makes for progress without stultifying the "Divine Image" in which man was created. The church has a program and is planning for the future. The grounds have been under-going improvement and at present, plans are well under way for the remodeling of the sanctuary to provide more efficient service as well as a more worshipful atmosphere.

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Edna Kyle, Church Treasurer

Elsie M. Hedges, S. S. Superintendent

Rose Negus, President, Woman's Association

Sally Dickerson, Westminster Fellowship

THE HISTORY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

During the early part of 1944 a Catholic church was contemplated by Father John T. Priest of Cadiz and a few parishioners of Hopedale going to church in Cadiz at that time.

On Palm Sunday of the same year a meeting was called and held in the home of Guy Costantini with Father Priest presiding. The erection of a church in Hopedale was wholly discussed. At a second meeting officers were elected with Mr. Guy Costantini as chairman, Mrs. Gertrude Bossick, secretary, and Mrs. Armanda Pelegreen, treasurer. On Mr. Costantini's committee was Mr.

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Louis Rensi, Mr. Edward Ash, Mr. Steve Sady, Mr. Steve Baher, Mr. Nunzio Poillucci, Mr. David Decaminada, Mr. Matthew Wuchettich, and Mr. Tom Calvisi. At the same meeting it was agreed by all those present that subscriptions would be taken for enough financial means to begin the building.

A suitable plot of ground was purchased from Mr. Ed. Carson by Father Priest. Excavation was started in September with some of the members donating their labor. The construction of the church was in charge of Mr. John Work of Miller's Station supervised by Mr. Guy Costantini, plastering was done by Mr. Percy Hesford, interior woodwork finishing was done by Mr. Terry Wassem of Cadiz, and plumbing by Mr. Neil Carrier. Mr. Steve Sady did all the labor of the wiring as a personal donation.

The work steadily progressed. Upon completion of the building many priests and friends among the laity of the church gave donations to the new church.

On June 30, 1946 Bishop John King Mussio solemnized the blessing and dedication of the new Sacred Heart Church.

From the beginning there was a very fine attendance increasing to approximately 90 families at the present time.

Mass is offered every Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation at 11:00 A. M. except on the second Sunday of the month when Mass is offered at 9:00 A. M. Souls may be Baptized any Sunday after Mass.

HISTORY OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF HOPEDALE

On June 3, 1903 the following board members met in regard to organizing the First National Bank of Hopedale: Thomas Young, W. J. Stringer, L. A. Crawford, C. E. Allison, J. R. Skelley, T. W. Liggett, D. L. Hess, M. Spellacy and John Stringer.

They elected W. J. Stringer, president, M. Spellacy, vice president; and C. E. Allison, secretary.

The capital stock was fifty thousand dollars divided into five hundred shares of one hundred dollars each.

The bank was located in the old Paul store building on Main Street.

Mr. Edgar C. Alcorn was selected as the first cashier and served until 1909.

During the next few years several men were employed as cashier in this order: L. Strahl, Clark McFadden, Ralph Woods, G. C. Whittaker.

On September 25, 1922 five men attempted to rob the bank and Mr. Whittaker, the cashier, was shot.

In 1925 the bank was moved to its present location.

During the intervening years E. H. Collins and J. W. Zerger acted as cashiers.

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The present board of directors is: C. W. Hedges, president; C. H. Patton, vice president; F. E. Birney, vice president; E. A. Mizer and H. A. Moore.

HISTORY OF THE HOPEDALE AMERICAN LEGION POST NO. 682

The first meeting held by the veterans of Hopedale in regards to forming an American Legion Post was on April 13, 1949. Jack McCrea, American Legion Field Representative, Randall Buchannan, 10th District Commander, and K. E. McCombs, Harrison County Council Commander, along with many other Legionaires told the interested Hopedale Veterans the Legions' program.

Meetings of the new temporary post were held every Thursday night in the Portable building at 8:00 P. M. The first officers were Charles Hedges, temporary Chairman; Ray Jenkins, temporary secretary; and Robert Jackson, temporary treasurer.

The Hopedale Legion participated in memorial services at four cemeteries on May 30, 1949. They also made and erected two flagpoles. One was placed in Hopedale Cemetery and the other in Greenwood Cemetery.

The Legion is in the middle of another community project. A proposed Memorial Picnic Grounds. Quite a lot of work has already been accomplished towards this but much more remains to be done.

In our election of officers for the present year on July 28, 1949 the returns were as follows: Commander, Charles Hedges; 1st Vice Commander, William Grimm; 2nd Vice Commander, Bud Wheeler; Adjutant, Ray Jenkins; Treasurer, Robert Jackson; Child Welfare and Post Service Officers, Paul Polen; Historian and Publicity Officer, Bud Buckel; Sergeant at Arms, Argyle Bell; Chaplain, Lamoine Geanangle.

We now have 52 members and hope we can double that in the membership drive of the coming year.

HOPEDALE NORMAL COLLEGE

This was first styled "The McNeely Normal School" and later it was empowered to grant degrees, as **Hopedale Normal College.** This school has really been a great power in the land as an educational factor much needed. It was the first college of Eastern Ohio to open wide its doors to both sexes. "Old Franklin" had for many years been making professional men; it was left for Hopedale to make teachers for the common schools and fit men for the duties of a non-professional life.

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This school continued in its excellent work until the larger educational institutions absorbed these smaller ones and Hopedale College was closed. The College then consolidated with Bethany College.

CLARK GABLE

Clark Gable, although born at Cadiz, spent only the first few months there; for the balance of his childhood was spent in Hopedale. When Clark was only ten months old, his mother died and his father, an oil well driller by trade, came to board and room with Aunt Ella Dunlap. While there, he met and married Jenny Dunlap. The elder Gable was, for a time, Sunday School Superintendent at the Hopedale Methodist Church.

Clark grew up just like any other boy and Charley Houton says "he dressed just like the rest of the bums." Although Mrs. Miller says he was partial to a red sweater and a black hat, he took part in the usual activities played in the high school and played baseball. His school work was begun under the supervision of Miss Fanny Thompson who still lives across the high school. Several recalled days of play and work with him; Francis Miller (now in Indiana) Tommy Lewis (Columbus, Ohio) and Holly Taggart (Michigan).

HOPEDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The organizing of the Fire Department was taken up after the construction of a City Water Works, in the year 1941. Up to that time, all the fire protection we had was a chemical cart, equipped with dual tanks, that operated with a soda, acid and water mixture. The cart was a two wheeled affair that could be hooked to the rear of any car or truck and towed to the scene of the fire. It had a hose reel mounted on top of it with 100 feet of hose. That was all the equipment on hand at that time. The cart was credited with saving several buildings in town, up to that time, but as the town was growing it was thought a good idea to organize a department which would be a volunteer outfit, and would go ahead and

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get up to date equipment. As there was no active department in town at the time, the first order of business would be to get members to join. This was taken up by several interested citizens and it was only a short time until there were twenty-two members.

These members soon had a list of officers appointed, and they began to hold regular meetings. At these meetings discussions on different affairs to make the Department money for equipment were aired. The charter members who are still with the Department are: E. S. Graham, Raymond Rensi, C. H. Wallace, Don Dickerson, Ralph Blackburn, J. M. Winn, Harold Carlon, Steve Sady, C. H. Patton, H. L. Holland, C. A. Merryman, E. L. Negus.

The first order of business for these members was to hold regular meetings in a business way, which was done as soon as they could get all members who had signed up, together. Election of officers followed and the records show these officers as follows: A. A. Atkins—President; E. L. Negus—Sec'y; Ralph Blackburn—Treas.; C. A. Merryman—Chief.

Then started ways and means of raising funds. At this time there was a paper shortage, so it was decided to gather scrap paper, also to hold Bingo games. It was decided to solicit funds from the townspeople, who donated generously, and finally it was decided to hold a Fireman's Fair. This meant plenty of work and all members worked together and the first fair was a great success.

It was then decided by the department that it was time to buy the much needed equipment, so they investigated several companies for a modern Fire Truck and finally decided on The Seagrave Corp. of Columbus, Ohio, as the best place to buy a truck.

On October 3, 1941, the Hopedale Volunteer Fire Department signed a contract with the Seagrave Corp. for a Triple Combination Pumping Engine to be delivered within 150 days. It was a great day for the department when the truck was delivered. The Seagrave Corp. sent a man with the truck who explained all the different controls to the members and then proceeded to put the truck through the test required by the State, and it passed all tests with no trouble. This truck cost the Department approximately five thousand dollars ($5,000.00). From then on the Department worked on everything possible to raise money and on August 7, 1944, the final payment was made on the truck February 5, 1943. The Department ordered their raincoats and hats, and as time went on, they kept adding other equipment that was deemed necessary.

We had several fires in town, and also in adjoining territories, but only one serious fire, where a life was lost.

The Department then worked along buying different things that were needed and always working ahead for more equipment. Another truck was needed, as our only truck was called out of town frequently on fires, and that left the home town with no protection, other than the old chemical cart, and it was not adequate.

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The present officers of the Department are: J. M. Winn, President; C. A. Merryman, V. President; H. L. Holland, Sec'y; C. H. Patton, Treas. Trustees: Matt Wuchitich, Alfred Theodore, Ernest Rensi. Fire Chief, Ralph Blackburn; Ass't. Chief, C. H. Patton.

HOPEDALE SCHOOL

The Hopedale school was held in the building next to the Methodist church with the High School and Eighth grade in the upper story and the grades in the downstairs. There were three teachers A. J. Dennis being the Superintendent. The school continued there until about 1911 when it was moved to the old Hopedale Normal College building. About 1914 the ground was purchased and on April 4, 1914, a vote was taken on whether to issue $10,000.00 in bonds to build two small grade buildings which resulted in a vote of 88 yes and 29 no. The small brick buildings were built and occupied by the grade pupils. About 1924 the college building was condemned and a vote was taken on November 4, 1924 to issue bonds for a new school building which carried by 278 to 72. A one story building was built in 1925 which was occupied by the high school and two rooms by the higher grades. The grade scholars increased so there was not enough room, so in 1928 a portable building was purchased from the Dennison Board of Education, torn down, hauled to Hopedale and rebuilt and was used for the Fifth and Sixth Grades and a teacher was employed for each grade. The Unionport High School students entered here in 1928 and have continued to come here. By 1935 the attendance had increased so that there was not room and as the roof of the main building leaked, a bond issue was voted on November 5, 1935 which carried 362 to 29 to issue bonds to tear down the gymnasium and make other changes in the building and build a second story. Prices had begun to go up so the bids were higher than the bond issue voted, but the Board let contracts for certain parts, and in November 1936, another bond issue was voted 369 to 57. The contractors had trouble in getting different kinds of material and the building was not finished in time for school to start so about October school started with some pupils in different buildings in town but before Christmas, all were in their proper places. New text books had been purchased and each pupil was loaned the necessary books instead of having to purchase them as before. A 3 mill levy has been voted a

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number of times and is still effect and two years ago, an additional 2 mill levy was voted which has expired and the electors are being asked to vote to renew for two more years. The school now owns a tract of land surrounded by a road so it is not necessary to go off the school grounds during the school session. The main building has the high school in the upper story with a Home Economic room and an Industrial Arts room in the basement and the Commercial room on the first floor and four rooms occupied by the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth grades. The two small brick buildings are occupied by the First, Second, Third, and Fourth grades. The Portable Building is used for a cafeteria and a number of different organizations hold their meetings there. The bond issue will be paid off in 1951.

Roster of Superintendents: 1891-1905 A. J. Dennis, 1905-1906 J. H. George, 1906-1907 Leroy Patton, 1907-1908 Charles Fowler, 1908-1909 A. R. Johnson, 1909-1910 Harold Cramblett, 1910-1912 J. N. Pickerman, 1912-1913 A. L. Gantz, 1913-1915 J. N. Pickerman, 1915-1918 G. A. Dunlap, 1918-1922 Miss BlancheHowe, 1922-1926 A. W. Wallace, 1926-1928 Gerald S. Wright, 1928-1930 Frederick I. Lust, 1930-1941 Wilmot George Murphy, 1941 to the present, George E. Redman.

The 1949 term began with 125 in the high school with G. E. Redman, D. B. Turner, Mrs. Margaret Cox, Mrs. Alma K. Reppart, Edwin W. Dean, Myron R. Smith as teachers and William D. Bashore teaching instrumental music one day a week and Miss Helen E. Crowl teaching vocal music two days a week. There were 304 enrolled in the eight grades with Mrs. Helen Barkhurst, Mrs. Lenore Wells, Mrs. Elizabeth Ferguson, Miss Vada Tipton, Mrs. Ruth Stephenson, Miss Adele Skipper, Miss Mabel Black, and Mrs. Vivian Starr as teachers. Pauline Baker is the Office Secretary.

The Board of Education members are F. E. Birney, G. A. Barricklow, Dr. C. F. Goll, E. L. Negus, and C. M. Hedges with W. L. Schultz Clerk.

H. E. Fawcett and N L. Couch are serving as Janitors.

DOCTORS OF HOPEDALE

Dr. A. W. Ramsey was the longest resident among the physicians of Hopedale and one of the oldest practitioners in the County. He was born in Columbiana County in 1830. His people came from Pennsylvania.

He attended Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia. He came to Hopedale to practice in the year 1855.

Married Margaret Ellen Carle, native of Illinois. They had five children.

Built the home of Mrs. Mary Stringer on Cadiz Ave. He was a Methodist.

Dr. Wesley Ramsey is a son of A. W. Ramsey born in Hopedale; he attended Normal College here. He resided at his father's home

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place, Mrs. Mary Stringer property now, until he moved to Kent, Ohio.

He married Mary Frances Stringer, sister of Iva Stringer of High St.

Dr. W. C. Ramsey is a retired physician.

He still spends his vacation with friends in Hopedale. Dr. Ramsey belongs to the Methodist Church.

Dr. West, son of the old distinguished Scottish parents, came to Hopedale in 1866. Attended Franklin College, New Athens Neville Institute of Medicine, Columbiana County and Rush Medical College in Chicago.

Married Martha Jane Merrick of Carroll County. They had three children, they all resided in Chicago. Mrs. West is buried in Green Township Cemetery.

In 1866 Dr. West married Mrs. Josephine Mansfield, daughter of Isac Holmes.

Dr. and Mrs. Josephine West were hosts to many noted people.

In 1866 Dr. West wrote "Maidenhood and Motherhood," a 700-page book. Can be seen at Dr. Goll's home and in the Cadiz Library. He spent much time in writing books concerning "Doctorean."

Dr. West was the first President of the Harrison County Medical Association.

Dr. Carl F. Goll's resident now, was the home of Dr. West. He was an elder in the Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Minteer was one of our oldest Doctors. He settled here in 1859. His home was near East Cadiz in Carl Crawford farm now. He practiced in Hopedale and surrounding farms for over thirty years. His folks were the founders of the Cadiz theater.

Dr. William Beadle, a pioneer of Harrison County lived near Unionvale, Ohio. He owned a large farm and kept fine cattle and sheep. He married Elizabeth Bricker of Cadiz. His son John built the present home of John Beadle Stringer on Cadiz Ave.

Dr. Mansfield resided what is now Patsy Albino resident known as the Stephens homestead. He owned one-half interest in the Jolly Drug Company. Records can be found at Dr. Carl Goll's. Dr. Mansfield was a native Harrison County. He is deceased.

Dr. William Copeland, a native of Harrison Co., was a member of the Presbyterian Church. The resident of George Mex was formerly owned by him.

He first practiced here in Hopedale community and later moved to Chicago.

Dr. Copeland spent most of his vacations here in Hopedale. He is now deceased.

Dr. Crawford came from near Alliance, Ohio. He was an Elder in the Presbyterian Church. His office was in the Allison Building next to Kyle Store. Dr. Crawford was a man of distinction. He had

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one son, who died at the age of 5. He later moved to Alliance, Ohio where he died about 1946.

Dr. Hammond, a native of Richmond, Ohio. Attended Hopedale Normal College, practiced Medicine about 1919, later moved to Bergholz. He was of Presbyterian faith.

Dr. Parkhill came to Hopedale from Georgetown, Ohio. He was a native of Pennsylvania.

His first office was where our present Post Office is. Later he moved to home where his widow Mae, now lives. He had three children. Dr. Parkhill was accidentally killed somewhere in Pennsylvania.

Dr. S. S. Wilson came to Hopedale about 1916 from Pennsylvania. Made his home at the resident of Mrs. Mary Stringer.

His son Charles is practicing medicine in Illinois. Mrs. Wilson was accidentally killed by an auto on what is now known as Don Sagrilla's hill.

Dr. Wilson also served the Piney Fork, Jefferson Co. community during World War I. He now lives near Franklin, Pennsylvania, on a fruit farm.

Dr. Walter S. Spence came to Hopedale from Germano, Ohio. Married a native of Ada, Ohio where he attended college. They had three children.

Dr. Spence built the Charley Houton property on High St. He died in 1930. He belonged to the Presbyterian Church and was a member of the Masonic Lodge at Unionport.

Dr. Kuhn came to Hopedale during Dr. Ramsey's time. Practiced medicine in Witch Hazel, a mining town near Parlett. His office was where Frank Stanko now resides. The Office Building still stands near the road. He now lives in Columbus.

Dr. Bell, a native of Jefferson Co. He lived at Parlett most of his life till he retired from his practice and came to live with his sister Mrs. Ott Master on High St. He was a member of the Baptist Church of Mt. Mariah near Bloomingdale. Dr. Bell attended Hopedale Normal College. He died in 1932.

Dr. Wallace came to Hopedale during Dr. Spence's illness about 1930. Mrs. Wallace was a native of South Carolina; a school teacher. They have one daughter, Jane Ruberta.

Dr. Wallace will be remembered by most of Hopedale folks as "Father of the Class of 49er's. He was a member of our School Board and Boy Scout Advisor. His faith was of Southern Methodist.

Carl Goll, educated in Chicago, attended Ohio State University, his interneship at St. John's, Pittsburgh.

Married Drusella Rennekamp, a native of Mt. Lebanon, Pittsburgh. They have two children, Jeffery and Carla.

Dr. Goll is one of the most occupied practitioners in Harrison Co. He now owns Dr. John D. West's famous home.

Dr. Goll is Vice President of Harrison Co. Medical Association, member of the School Board, and of Presbyterian faith. He came to Hopedale in 1939.

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Dr. Polen, a native of Richmond, Ohio attended Normal School here, a graduate of Ohio State Dentistry School. Came to Hopedale in 1900. Later he moved to Akron. About 1930 moved back to Hopedale. Dr. Polen is 90 years old now. He belongs to the Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Scott, a son of Harrison Co. settlers attended school here, graduated from Ohio University, and practiced Medicine in Canton till his health was poorly.

He is retired now and lives at the old Scott Homestead near Hopedale. His father was a very prominent citizen of Hopedale.

Dr. Allison, born at Hopedale in the old Allison Homestead, owned now by Guy Constantini. He attended Normal College here. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. He built the Alameda Inn and died at Lafferty, Ohio.

Dr. Anderson, lived a short time in Hopedale where Ralph Blackburn's Funeral Home is. He practiced here during the Parlett "WaCo" Coal Boom.

RAILROAD

The Pittsburgh and W. Va. R. R. was first incorporated as the Pittsburgh and Western R. R.

The name was changed to the Wabash and in 1907 it was placed in the hands of a receiver. Afterwards it was known as the Wabash Pittsburgh Terminal Railway. In 1916 the name was changed to its present form.

The first train through Hopedale was Number 6 from Kansas City on Oct. 28, 1904. Then three trains each day, each way operated from Pittsburgh to Chicago, St. Louis, and Kansas City. The first station was a box car near the Hopedale Cemetery. The Hopedale Station did a nice passenger business until service was discontinued in June, 1932. Mail service was discontinued at that time, too. Clayton Kerr carried the mail from the station to the Post Office with his horse and buggy until that time.

Some of the Station Agents were: H. G. Weiner, John Scott, James Neil, Billie Birchfield, John Polen, Dean Polen, Robert Polen, and Hanchalk.

THE HOPEDALE GRANGE

The Hopedale Grange was organized in the spring of 1934 by County Deputy H. L. Bower and Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Jones.

The first meeting was held May 22, 1934 in the "Old Bank Building." There were thirty charter members. Officers elected at the first meeting were:

Master, Mrs. Bertha Carson; Secretary, Mrs. Carrie Bell; Overseer, Mrs. Maude Blackburn; Gatekeeper, G. W. Blackburn; Lecturer, Mabel Black; Ceres, Miss Vivian Starr; Steward, W. L.

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Meetings were held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month during the first year. Officers are elected annually.

Past Masters of Hopedale Grange are: Mrs. Bertha Carson; Floyd E. Birney and Albert Huffman. Irene Polen was secretary from 1935 until July 1946.

Projects undertaken by the local grange at various times include: A Grange Community Fair; Grange home talent play; Party for High School Pupils; Canning Demonstration; Picnic; Chicken Supper; and sale of the Grange cook books.

It has donated to the Fletcher Hospital, War Emergency Funds, Cancer Fund, Piedmont Youth Camp, Ohio Mental Hygiene Association, Hopedale Park Fund etc.

Hopedale Grange now meets monthly in the Portable Building on the school grounds, the third Tuesday of each month. There are sixty-one members at the present time with George Blackburn as Master.

Mrs. Blanche Hedges is Home Economics chairman having charge of the contests in sewing and baking and other home projects. The Grange cooperates in a program of visitations with the other Granges of Harrison County exchanging degree work and programs.

GOVERNMENT OF HOPEDALE

A petition to incorporate the village of Hopedale was filed in Cadiz May 8, 1860, stating that there were more than fifty voters within the limits of the village.

Records of the officials were destroyed when the council room burned in 1913. The names of some of the early mayors, as recalled by the older residents now living, were A. W. Scott; J. W. Cassell; N. B. Buckingham and Charles Allison.

From 1915 until 1949 the following has served as mayor of Hopedale village.

Date	Name
1915	Leslie Strahl
1916-1920	A. D. Finnicum
1920-1922	W. V. Scott
1923, part of 1924	A. D. Finnicum
Part of 1924	A. D. Nation
1925-1926	W. L. Allen
1927	S. G. Stringer
1928 to July 1931	A. D. Finnicum
1931 July to Dec.	W. D. Stringer
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Nov. and Dec. 1944	D. R. Turner
1940-1949	N. L. Carrier

The present officials are: Mayor, N. L. Carrier; Marshall, George Hedges; Clerk, Marie B. Stringer; Treas., Elsie M. Hedges. Councilmen: Steve Sady, President, Clarence Birney, Edgar Groves, Claire Merryman, Joseph Murdock, Ernest Rensi.

THE HOTEL AT HOPEDALE

The Hotel at Hopedale was formerly known as the Hopedale Exchange and was located where the Hardware Store now stands. Prior to a hotel it was known as the Jacob and Nancy Copeland homestead. They were the parents of the following children: Jacob, Dr. William Thomas, John A. and Geo. Copeland (Sons), Mrs. Lizzie Copeland Wiles, Mrs. Nancy Copeland Hannah and Tiny Copeland Vorhees. According to information from Alex Penn, a Civil War Veteran and former Hopedale resident, this building was used during the Civil War in connection with the underground railroad. The slaves were taken care of at the Hotel Bldg., and the horses at the Moses Hauley Estate, now owned and occupied by Chas. Carson.

The first person to operate a hotel was Lizzie Johnston, sister of Mrs. Will Eagleson. In 1905 P. K. Means bought the hotel from Will Eagleson and operated it until his death in 1913 after which his widow Mary E. Means continued the business until 1918 when she sold the property to a party in Swisvale, Pa.

The same fall in Oct. the Bldg., was burned by incendiary fire.

AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary to the Son's of Veterans of the Civil War was organized on April 24, 1925 by Mrs. Sue Jones of Steubenville, with the Smithfield Auxiliary putting on the work. There were thirty-one charter members as follows: Mesdames Stella Birney, Florence Carrick, Jessie Frazier, Jennie Fogle, Elsie F. Hedges, Elsie M. Hedges, Grace L. Hedges, Mary Holmes, Lizzie Hugus, Olive Host, Emma Kyle, Mary Kerr, Vesta Liggett, Clara Liggett, Ora Martin, Velma Nation, Lola Naylor, Etta Patton, May Parkhill, Mildred Raber, Lillian Richards, Carrie Skipper, Mina Spence, Pearle Smallwood, Marie Stringer, Josephine Mahenski, Maude Trewren, Lucille Taggart, Eva Watson, Jennie Walker, and Countess Couch.

The objects of the Auxiliary are to commemorate the deeds of the Veterans of the Civil War; to perpetuate the memory and history of the heroic dead; to uphold the constitution; to bear true allegiance to the government of the United States of America; and

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We passed through the usual troubles that attack a new organization and learned at last what it was all about.

At this time a number of veterans were living and they were remembered on birthdays with parties and at Christmas time with baskets of fruit and candy.

We have responded to all calls of a patriotic nature; presenting an American flag to the Boy Scouts, donations of money to the Red Cross, Blood Plasma Bank, Cancer and Infantile Paralysis Fund.

Each year at Christmas time, the Soldiers Home at Sandusky, The National Military Home at Dayton, and the Ohio Soldiers and Sailors Orphan Home at Xenia are remembered with gifts and money as desired. The day at the Dennison Canteen during the World War was sponsored by the Auxiliary and responded to loyally by the citizens of the town.

Cards and gifts were sent to the boys from Green Township who were in the service during the World War and gifts were sent to Fletcher Hospital at Cambridge several times.

In 1947 our order was honored by being invited to attend the States Encampment at Columbus and to exemplify the Ritualistic Work. At different times State and National officers have visited us and have commended our order for the patriotic work we have done through the years and making the work interesting enough to keep up our membership.

BUILDINGS

The home of Charles Carson was originally owned by Mrs. S. A. Hanley. It was, at one time, a tavern stop for stage coaches enroute from Cambridge to Steubenville.

The home of Roy Miser was built by Samuel Baxter, pioneer resident of Green Township, being the father of Rena Baker, Myrtle Allison and Noris Baxter, all deceased. The husbands of the above were: Thomas Baker and Harry Allison, all natives of Hopedale and all deceased.

The residence of Dr. Goll was the former home of Dr. J. D. West who rebuilt the residence in 1884. The grand history of Dr. West will be found elsewhere in this book.

Mrs. George Stringer's home was originally erected by A. W. Ramsey, M.D. in 1855. In 1903 Dr. W. C. Ramsey, a son, moved here from Cleveland, Ohio, erecting the present home, where he

practiced medicine for many years. His wife, Mary Stringer, was a native of Greene Township, sister of I. M. Stringer, of this place.

Carrier Residence — It was erected by John Wesley Cassell in 1874, being at that time the largest and most commodious in the town. Mr. Cassell was a retired farmer.

The Sarah Robertson Home was the former Professor W. Brinkerhoff's home, the first President of **Hopedale Normal College.** The date of erection is not known by the writer.

The brick apartment house on Route 22, was the original home of David Allison, husband of the late Aunt Mattie Allison, as she was familiarly known. Politically, Mr. Allison was known as a Whig, casting his first vote for Henry Clay, and was among the number, who in the fall of 1844, raised a "liberty" pole in Greene, now Hopedale, on the formation of the Republican party. He united with them and never missed an election thereafter. This property is now owned by Guy Costantini.

The U. G. Kyle home was the former home of Cyrus McNeely the founder of Hopedale, also of the Hopedale Normal College. The home was built in 1849 by Mr. McNeely and was rebuilt by Mrs. Kiska Bell Powers, deceased, in 1896. It was also an underground railroad station for slaves that were transported from the South to the Canadian border. Benjamin Cope, at one time transported a load of slaves from Mt. Pleasant, concealed under a load of oats, being compelled to make the trip here and back during the night.

THE NEW YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY

The Lake Erie, Alliance, and Wheeling Railroad was built originally to Bergholtz, Ohio in about 1890. In 1900 the road was extended to Piney Fork. The station at Hopedale was built in 1901 with Albert Moltice as agent. John Holmes worked on the construction work of the road and shortly after its completion, learned agency work from Mr. Moltice and was appointed agent on November 17, 1903 which position he held until retirement August 1939. R. L. Curtis the present agent bid in the agency at that time. The original depot burned in 1926 and the present station was built in the same year. On completion of the road there were two passenger trains each way daily with terminals in Phalanx and Dillonvale. On May 20, 1933 a gas electric coach was placed in service, thus removing steam passenger service. Passenger and mail service was discontinued June 1, 1940. A mixed train then carried passengers, express and local freight and express was then and is now carried by trucks. 16,600 revenue cars of coal have left this point in one month. Irvin Grant was first section foreman, Ward Reed is the present foreman, he has continued in this position since 1920. The Road is now operated by the New York Central.

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